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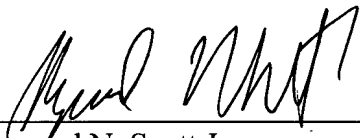
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I. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants provisionally elect Group II, consisting of claims 1-24 for examination. Applicants make no representations by this election regarding the merits of the restriction requirement, the scope of the originally presented claims, or the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions. Applicants agree to withdraw the claims of Group I, claims 25-29, without prejudice and reserve the right to file them in a later application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Groups I and II, as set forth by the examiner, are amenable to being examined without imposing a serious burden on the examiner. Accordingly, applicants request that the examiner reconsider this restriction requirement after an initial search has been conducted. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Raymond N. Scott Jr. at (215) 564-8951, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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